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A publication for alumni and friends of the University of Minnesota, Morris



## Two UMM Alumni Earn University Recognition Outstanding Contributions to Teaching, Advising, Service, Innovation

### Jim Carlson Wins Morse Award for Leadership in Undergraduate Education



Dr. James Carlson ('65), professor of music, was recently selected as a 1993 recipient of the prestigious All-University Horace T. Morse-Minnesota Alumni Association Award. The award is given annually to recognize outstanding contributions to undergraduate education in the areas of teaching, advising, academic development, and educational leadership. The award is named for Horace T. Morse, former dean of the General College and a national leader in the field of undergraduate education. Carlson is one of ten 1993 recipients.

Carlson's popularity and enthusiasm as a teacher are well known. According to Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean Elizabeth "Bettina" Blake, "there is quite literally no other faculty member on the Morris campus who surpasses him in popularity with the undergraduates." Quarter after quarter he receives the highest ratings in student evaluations and graduating seniors praise him highly.

Melissa L. Gruys, UMM senior, states that Dr. Carlson is "a truly remarkable individual. He possesses an enthusiasm for teaching, music and life that is an inspiration to all with whom he comes in contact. Both in and out of the classroom, his genuine concern for others is apparent."

Carlson graduated from UMM in 1965 with a major in music. He came back to his alma mater in 1978 after earning his

doctorate in music education from Indiana University. "Doc" established the annual Concert Band Festival and the annual Jazz Fest immediately after his initial appointment at UMM. He directs four big bands and ten combos, and has assisted in the founding and development of the UMM Alumni Jazz Ensemble.

His recent musical performances include producing and directing 15 UMM Jazz Festivals, conducting the Minnesota All-State Jazz Ensemble in 1989-90 and 1992-93, and conducting the UMM Jazz Ensemble at Carnegie Hall with the Count Basie Orchestra in 1992, and at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland in 1991.

Carlson's own philosophy of teaching best illustrates the type of teacher he is, and why he was chosen. "Since I think that most students will try to achieve more if they have confidence in their ability, I consciously endeavor to find ways for them to experience success and then have them build on that success. I seek occasions to praise their progress and take special care to help whenever struggling occurs. I constantly try to think of avenues to further stimulate the progress of the advanced students and also find ways to keep the one having difficulty on track with the rest."

Carlson is married to Kay (Joranger) Carlson ('65), who teaches piano, organ, keyboard, theory and piano pedagogy at UMM and has her own piano students. They have three children, Jay, 23, Brent, 20, and Kim, 15.

Upon being notified of the award, Carlson commented, "I am very happy that somebody from UMM was selected. I am appreciative of everybody at UMM who supported my nomination, especially Clyde Johnson, who compiled my dossier."

In receiving the award, Carlson joins an elite group of 22 UMM faculty members who have received the coveted award since its inception in 1965. The last recipient from UMM was Dr. James F. P. Cotter, associate professor of geology, in 1989-90. Carlson has received numerous other state and national awards in recognition of his educational leadership.

### Tom McRoberts Honored with University's Academic Staff Award



Thomas McRoberts ('68), associate director of Continuing Education and Extension at UMM, is one of five University employees to receive the 1993 Academic Staff Award. Recipients were honored in a ceremony held in late April in the Humphrey Center's Cowles Auditorium on the Twin Cities campus.

The academic staff award honors academic administrative and professional staff who initiate new programs or make outstanding contributions to further the University's missions of teaching, research, and service.

"Tom McRoberts is extremely deserving of this award for all the many excellent contributions he makes on this campus and throughout the University," commented Roger McCannon, UMM director of Continuing Education and Regional Programs. "He really got his feet into two parts--UMM and CEE--and does an extremely effective job in both."

McRoberts graduated from UMM in 1968 with a degree in history, and did graduate work in the same field at the University of Oregon before returning to UMM in 1975. He has been employed in

continuing education since then, serving as assistant and then associate director, and acting as an adviser to non-traditional students. He has a long history of working with students and was recognized with the John Tate Academic Advising Award in 1991.

McRoberts's service to the University has been diverse. In addition to his work with CEE, McRoberts is currently director of the Center for International Programs, and coordinator of instructional television, Continuing Education and Extension, Twin Cities. He was instrumental in organizing UMM's freshman course "Inquiry: Values in a Changing World." As the first coordinator of Inquiry, McRoberts laid important groundwork for UMM's general education curriculum.

His other contributions include co-chairing a program to make the campus more accessible to area nontraditional students, helping UMM students make the case for legislative funding for the Student Center, initiating and working to establish programs such as the Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribal Community College and UMM summer programs such as Summer Scholars and Summer Theatre.

"Thank you to those who nominated me or worked on this award," said McRoberts. "This past year, through my work in continuing education, I have traveled to other campuses and centers of the University. Even though the University has been under a fair amount of attack, most faculty and staff are dedicated, committed, and have a sense of excellence about their work. This is still a great University."

"To have recognized him with this award is a tribute to Tom's immense dedication to the University of Minnesota," continued McCannon. "There are many deserving individuals of this award--but no one more than Tom."

**Attention Alumni!**  
Your 1993 election ballot for the  
Board of Directors is enclosed.



# From the President: Ron Jost ('69)

Since the summer break is rapidly approaching and another graduating class is about to join the ranks of the alumni body, I thought it appropriate to comment on a variety of subjects and occurrences from the past year.

One of the new projects to be undertaken by the Alumni Association has been the development of the Class Agent Program. After several months of nurturing and fine tuning, the program was launched in September of last year. As you may recall, the Class Agents serve as liaisons between their graduating class and the Alumni Board in order to facilitate an ongoing connection to UMM through such activities as newsletters to their fellow classmates, phonathons for fundraising purposes, sponsoring alumni networking and social gathering, involvement in career fairs, Homecoming, and other campus activities. Through the efforts of the Class Agents, the UMM experience will continue to be a significant part of our lives.

Since its inception, the Class Agent Program has been a success, and our short term goals have been achieved. The Alumni Board is committed to expand and improve all facets of the program. With a sound base and expanding alumni body, the future of the Class Agent Program is very promising.

Another accomplishment of the past year is the creation within the UMM Alumni Association of a Minority Student Program alumni group. We have added 500 MSP alumni to our mailing list, collected employment news and other information, and sent out a newsletter to all MSP alums. We believe in their purpose: to

promote the welfare of minority students by assisting in the recruitment of minority faculty, staff and students; serving as mentors and role models; and developing employment resources. All of our efforts are strengthened when we all pull together.

Because the Morris campus is connected to the total University of Minnesota system, it is important to keep apprised of critical topics that affect all of us. As president of the UMM Alumni Association, it is my responsibility to attend the University of Minnesota Alumni Association (UMAA) meetings. Presently, the primary concern is the overall budget issue. The UMAA is actively involved in legislative lobbying, participation in committee hearings, phone and mail campaigns, neighborhood meetings and a variety of other actions. Additionally, UMAA is a positive force in helping diffuse the negative press regarding recent developments such as the Medical School Practice Plan. In most situations, improprieties have been uncovered by the University and its own audit procedures. Unfortunately, both of the major Twin Cities newspapers and TV stations have people assigned to report on University activities, and often the stories are sensationalized. The University makes no attempt to minimize the seriousness of objectionable conduct, however, all parties concerned desire to have the facts known before allegations are made public. Despite budgetary and certain departmental issues, we should be proud of the continuing quality of education for the entire U of M system, and supportive of President Hasselmo's strong leadership.

Finally, just a few comments regarding UMM athletic programs and for that mat-

ter, all extracurricular activities. The college experience is not just academics, and when you reflect back on your years at UMM, often times the most fond memories are those involving participation in extracurricular activities.

As an alumnus, when I reflect on why I am proud to have a degree from this institution, initially, it is because UMM is recognized internationally as one of the elite public liberal arts colleges.

Like many alumni, I am also very interested in the athletic accomplishments of this university. When I scan the Twin Cities papers and campus publications, I consistently check on the success of the sports teams. The men's and women's athletic programs have reason to be proud of their accomplishments, and the alumni body applauds their efforts. Recently, I was impressed to read that a new football coach has been hired who possesses very impressive credentials. Especially noteworthy was the quality of the freshmen recruits accepted at UMM who not only achieved athletic acclaim, but are also academically successful. My comments regarding the athletic programs and their bright future are by no means intended to slight the accomplishments of the other programs. What is important is a university hierarchy that recognizes the value of all extracurricular activities and helps nurture their vitality.

All things considered, the past year has been a successful and rewarding experience. A lot of work still needs to be accomplished, but the Alumni Board and our many friends and supporters look forward to the challenge.

## Class Agent Program Caps Off First Year Amidst News, Greetings and Alumni Gifts

As the first year of the Class Agent Program rounds toward home plate, the signs of success are exciting.

Alumni news and Class Notes have ballooned in volume. Reunions have been kindled, long-lost relationships reclaimed, and opinions about everything from the job market to Homecoming can be heard back at UMM. We have learned about alumni offspring who are now themselves UMM alumni—and about alumni hopefuls still occupying grade school desks or roving high school hallways. In addition alumni have given generously to UMM's financial needs, making a tangible statement of loyalty and support. The Alumni Annual Fund, established as part of the Class Agent Program, received nearly \$20,000 from alumni during its first year.

### Special thanks is owed to UMM's alumni Class Agents who have led the program during its critical first year:

'67, '68, '69	Lee Temte ('69) and Jeanne Baker Driscoll ('69)
'70, '71, '72	Dick Slieter ('70)
'73, '74, '75	Brian Speese ('73)
'76, '77, '78	Barb Hippe ('78)
'79, '80, '81	Lee Erickson ('80)
'82, '83, '84	Kelly and Russ Swanson ('83)
'85, '86, '87	Cathy Condon ('87)
'88, '89, '90	Renae Steiner ('88)
'91	Alana Christensen ('91)
'92	Kim Jones ('92)

### And we welcome our newest Class Agents, who some of you will be hearing from soon!

Mary K. Martin ('75) joins co-agent Brian Speese ('73), and the Class of 1993 will be served by co-agents Molly McCormick ('93) and Bob McCarthy ('93).

## Class Notes

### CLASS OF '65

**Kathleen Gjerdengen** is teaching music education at Wartburg College-Lutheran in Waverly, Iowa. She resides in Waverly.

**Richard Gunderson** is working at Edwards Air Force Base in civil service. His wife, Laurel, is a graduate student at UCLA. They have a daughter who was recently married, and a son who will graduate soon from the University of California-Long Beach. Richard and his family live in Lancaster, Calif.

**Harlo Peterson** and his wife, Karen, live in Boca Raton, Fla. He works as a district sales manager for Sysco Food Services, a food and food equipment supplier for southern Florida.

**Barbara (Westberg) and Stuart Starnier** are living in San Antonio, Texas, where Barbara is a water color artist and teacher, and Stuart coaches basketball at the University of Texas.

### CLASS OF '66

**John and Rosemary (Pomerence) Biel** reside in Arlington, Texas. John works for Owens Corning, and Rosemary works for the Arlington schools as a teaching assistant in a program for dyslexic children.

**Paul Coleman** is a medical doctor at Methodist Hospital in Omaha, Neb. He and his wife, Kim, have two children, Sylvia Kristine, age four, and Peter Martin, age two.

### CLASS OF '67

**Marcia (Nelson) and Daniel Bollman** are living in Highlands Ranch, Colo. Daniel is a minister at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Littleton, Colo.

**Alan Johnsrud** resides in Montevideo, Minn., where he is an elementary school teacher for the Montevideo schools.

**Martha Kroening** is retired and living in Morris. She had worked for the UMM University Relations office.

### CLASS OF '68

**Gene Anderson** received his doctor of ministry degree in 1991, and he is serving at Redeemer Lutheran Church. He and his wife, Lynette, live in Indianola, Iowa.

**Gary Lickfett** and his wife, Dorothy, live in Ridge Farm, Ill., with their three children, Jay (16), Todd (13) and Tim (nine). Gary works for Chem Cast Ltd., and Dorothy teaches at Georgetown-Ridge Farm elementary school.

**Robert Muir** is now retired from the Air Force where he held the rank of colonel. He lives in Bellevue, Neb., and works for CBS Real Estate in Omaha.

**Susan (Evans) Thompson** earned a graduate degree in broad area agriculture from the University of Wisconsin, River Falls last year. She resides in Baldwin, Wis.

**Carol Westberg** teaches elementary school

for ISD-129; she lives in Montevideo, Minn.

### CLASS OF '70

**Lynette (Rieck) Ford** works for the U.S. postal service, her employer for the past 19 years. She is married, has two children, and lives in Loveland, Colo.

**Jan Haugland** is a school nurse working in St. Paul where she also resides.

**Alice Hedberg** proudly announced the birth of her daughter, Anoki Eloise Alice, born December 18, 1992. Alice lives in New York.

**Elizabeth (Edman) Laraby** teaches elementary school in Heron Lake, Minn., where she also resides.

**Gregg and Judy (Hult) ('72) Nielson** are living in Rapid City, S.D. Gregg will be retiring from the Air Force soon; Judy works at the Rapid City Hospital. Their daughter, Karen, is finishing her freshman year at UMM, and they're happy to report, "She likes it a lot!"

**Lynn Rose Snead** writes, "[I] have been gainfully employed for the past 16 years at Campbell Soup Company (umm, umm, good!) in Sacramento, Calif., specializing in cost accounting and financial analyses. Lynn lives in Citrus Heights, Calif.

### CLASS OF '71

**Don and Lori (Struthers) Lifto** live in Mahtomedi, Minn., where Don is superinten-

dent of the Mahtomedi public schools.

**Phillip Luttmers** works for the University of Minnesota, St. Paul as senior accountant for the school of food sciences and nutrition. He lives in Minneapolis.

**Susan (Owens) Nelson** writes, "After teaching for 20 years, I have begun work as a private nanny. I'm married with three sons; the oldest is currently attending UMM." Susan lives in Mayer, Minn.

**Kathleen (Gray) and Gary Savela** are living in Mahtomedi, Minn. Gary works for West Publishing as a manager in the pre-press department. Kathleen teaches math in the South Washington County school system, also serving as its K-12 math curriculum coordinator.

**Cynthia Stark** is employed by Ebenezer Community Services, working with older clients. She lives in Minneapolis.

### CLASS OF '72

**Linda (Dingley) and Michael Derosier** are living in Edmonds, Wash. Linda, currently working in medical records for Edmonds Orthopedic Associates, will begin graduate school soon. Mike is president of Pel Tech, a fireplace pellet company. Their daughter, Amy, will be graduating this spring from the University of Wisconsin, Madison with a degree in history.

**James Jurgenson** began teaching micro and molecular biology last year at the Uni-



# Chancellor's Choice: Dave Johnson

One of the first and most lasting perceptions I have of UMM is how seriously students are regarded here, how much they are a part of this enterprise. Our students are not "kids," but colleagues, and as such, are a persuasive force in the development of our positive campus reputation.

Two weeks ago I travelled with a group of our students to the Twin Cities, for the third annual All-University Diversity Forum. After opening speeches about the University of Minnesota's commitment to a multi-cultural environment, each campus had 35 minutes to depict its particular diversity issues. Cowles Auditorium on the West Bank was packed; add to that the audiences on all the campuses for whom the two hour program was televised. Crookston, Duluth and Twin Cities centered their presentations around videotapes they had prepared, excellent films. Then came the "Morris Eight": African-, Asian- Hispanic- and Caucasian-Americans, freshmen through seniors from a range of majors, none with much background in theatre. They presented what they called role-plays, vignettes they had written themselves, scenes blending sadness and humor as they described the long road we have ahead to achieve deep diversity here. Without props, lighting, or costumes, they moved swiftly through their scenes: the man in a wheelchair confined evenings to his room or the floor television lounge, reflecting wryly on how it hits him when well-meaning friends tell him to drop up sometime;

two students of color overhearing white classmates complain about the Minority Student Program; the women forsaken by their friends because they have come out as lesbians; the African-American venting her frustration about being asked in class what "her people" think about an issue; the Caucasian noting that no one ever says to her, "Gee, I just never even think of you as white." My bias is showing, but I have to tell how our "Morris Amateur Diversity Players" won over that large audience by their honesty, by their courage to go onstage without the safety net of videotape. The compliments which followed were a part of a larger pattern of positive response UMM students consistently receive when they are involved in the activities of the larger University.

A week later six students formed a panel, the centerpiece of the afternoon for the second meeting of our new Chancellor's Advisory Council. Vice Chancellor Gary McGrath had an easy job moderating, a hard task to end the event, so quickly did the Council members move in with questions. It was again an extraordinarily honest presentation as our students spoke of their hopes for career and family, their core values. The Council was obviously engrossed by these accounts of what it has meant for these students to come to college out in rural Minnesota, of their deep worries about how they will pay back their present loans and to finance the further education they need to prepare themselves for the careers which they will find most

fulfilling. Again, my buttons burst with pride for them as people asked afterward, "Wherever do you get these extraordinary students?" Again I wondered, "Is it really where we get our students? Might it not rather be what happens to them here?"

The other day Tom McRoberts and his colleagues in the Center for International Programs sponsored a day for people contemplating study abroad. I was highly encouraged by the turnout, another sign that we are progressing toward our goal to make an experience overseas possible for many of our students. Again, the format was a panel, this time presentations by those who have returned to campus this spring from such experiences. The credibility of students with students was apparent, as our internationalists described their studies in Germany and Scotland, their teaching in the Czech Republic in our English Language Teaching Assistant Program. (ELTAP, a program which puts students from any major into foreign schools to work with their teachers of English, has enormous potential for us.)

I have come away from these last two weeks with heightened appreciation of our students. I think, too, of their good fortune to be such effective communicators. I wish we could send every UMM student out in delegations to help them develop their abilities, to help the public know what we are doing here. New goals for the endless list!

## Center for International Programs Featured

The UMM Center for International Programs was featured in an article in the April edition of *International Dateline*, published by the Office of International Education at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities campus.

Established to administer and coordinate international activities on campus, the primary responsibility of the center is coordinating study abroad. About 75 Morris students have studied abroad in 1992-93, and two new exchange programs are currently recruiting. The two recent exchange agreements, with Kansai Gaidai University in Osaka, Japan, and with Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea, will allow student participation to begin this fall.

Another function of the center is to administer two teacher training programs. One of these, the Pacific Region Student Training Program, provides student teaching placements abroad. This year includes placement in Russia, the first in that country available to United States student teachers. The second program, the English Language Teaching Assistant Program, is being developed and tested to place native English speakers with college and high school teachers of English in non-English language countries including the Czech Republic, Kazakhstan, Taiwan, Vietnam and the People's Republic of China.

Center Director Tom McRoberts declared the article in *International Dateline* to be "first rate" and said that it "captured very well" and "accurately reflects" the goals and purposes of the center. He added that the English Language Teaching Assistant Program is currently before the curriculum committee. It is hoped that the program will be approved in the spring.

## Class Notes

versity of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls. He and his wife, Dorothea, have three children, and live in Denver, Iowa.

**Mohammad Orandi** shared a bit more news. He earned an MBA from Mankato State University before he returned to Iran and began working for the government via a helicopter business. He, his wife and their 15-year-old daughter live in Ontario, and he is now taking computer courses. Again, he invites correspondence from his fellow classmates: 209 Taylor Mills Drive N; Richmond Hill, Ontario, CANADA L4C 2T5.

**John and Patty (Zippel) Petrich** live in Gainesville, Fla., where John works for Northwestern Mutual Life. He proudly announces, "I've lost 22 pounds!" Way to go, John!

**Virginia Wright** is living in Georgetown, Maine, where she works for Bath Brunswick Mental Health doing home-based counseling.

### CLASS OF '73

**Jacqueline Ertsgaard** lives in Wheaton, Minn., where she teaches kindergarten for the Wheaton schools.

**Karen Gadda** is the director of two child care centers; she lives in Worthington, Minn.

**Ralph Gerbig** is a physician and partner in a medical practice in his hometown of Dawson, Minn. He has three children, Alex, Ben and Kelly.

**Sandy (Buesing) Glas** writes, "I am executive director of the Grand Forks Foundation for Education, Inc. Since leaving Minnesota in 1979, Rich (former UMM basketball coach) has kept us on the go with coaching moves to Salem, Ore.; Honolulu, Hawaii; and since 1988, Grand Forks, N.D. We have two kids: Randi Jo (age 16) and Jeffrey (age 12). I coach youth soccer and still run, though not competitively any longer."

**Faye (Rundquist) Goodspeed** teaches fourth, fifth and sixth grades at a small Christian school in Tucson where she lives. The total school enrollment is 54 students.

**Leo and Cynthia (Larson) ('74) Katzner** are living in Shakopee, Minn. Leo is vice president of operations for Cima Labs, Inc., a pharmaceutical company specializing in effervescent. Cynthia tutors in a Chapter I program for the Shakopee schools.

**Burke and Nancy (Rose) ('74) Kiger** sent us an update: "[We] are temporarily located in Terre Haute, Ind. I am working on my MBA at Indiana Wesleyan, and Nancy, who received her undergraduate at Concordia in 1974, is in the Ph.D. program in school psychology at Indiana State University." They have three children: Jack, age 13, Tom, age ten, and Katy, age seven. They add that they will be in Alexandria, Minn., for the summer, and then return to Terre Haute in the fall.

**Keldon Pavlish** dropped us a note: "I was married in Spokane, and my wife's name is Marianne. We have a ten-month-old baby boy, Joshua. We have our own in-house

pre-school business." Keldon also works as a community support specialist for S.L. Start & Associates, Inc., in Spokane where he and his family reside.

**Linda Schrempp Alberg** is the assistant dean of students at Augsburg College in Minneapolis. She lives in Shoreview, Minn.

**Diane "Dee" Tvedt** is a library assistant in the Minneapolis Public Library catalog department. She is also chair of the Stevens Square-Loring Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Program, and resides in Minneapolis.

**Roberta Wilson** is teaching special education in the Herman-Norcross school district. She has been investigating how a newly introduced program, Outcome Based Education (OBE), used successfully with mainstream students, can be adapted for use with special education students; she visited the Rochester, Minn., schools to examine their OBE program as part of her investigation. Roberta and her husband, Ray, live in Wheaton, Minn., with their children, Sara and Adam.

**Diane (Peterson) Winter** is a homemaker who lives with her family near Morris. She also serves as a judge for declamation contests.

### CLASS OF '74

**Duane and Susan (Dahlstrom) Bartels** are living in Litchfield, Minn., where Duane is a physician. They have two children.

**Lora (Harding) Dundek** works as a perinatal educator at the Riverside Medical Center in St. Paul; her husband, Allen, is a hospital chaplain. They have two daughters, ages eight and four.

**C. Michael Kelly** is a doctor with an orthopedic practice in Omaha, Neb. He and his wife, Lisa, have six children, three girls and three boys. He extends "all thanks to Drs. [Joseph] Latterell and [Tom] Straw" for his start and ultimate success in the life sciences.

**Margaret Quackenbush** lives in Rochester, N.Y., where she is the new president and executive director of the Hochstein Music School.

**Jan (Engquist) Rutkowski** and her husband, Roland, proudly announced the birth of their daughter, Cara, born June 24, 1992. The family lives in Wautwatosa, Wis.

**James and Betty Schmidt ('81)** reside in Eden Valley, Minn. James is the rural director for the Diocese of St. Cloud; Betty is assistant to the publisher of the St. Cloud *Times*.

**Barbara (Anderson) and Charles Taffe** live in Hastings, Minn. They have two sons, Jeff, age 12, and Chris, age eight. Barbara teaches second grade in Apple Valley.

**Rosella Stow** works for the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. She has a 12-year-old son, and she and her husband, Tom, proudly announced the birth of a daughter last October.



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**Laurell Taylor** is the executive director of Glenwood, Inc. He and his wife, Kathleen, live in Plentywood, Mont.

### CLASS OF '75

**James Hamilton** and **Jane Delage ('76)** proudly announce the adoption of their infant son, William; "Will" arrived from Honduras in March of this year. The family resides in St. Paul, where Jane works for the State of Minnesota's administration department as a management consultant, and James is an attorney.

**Gerald Kern** and his wife, Jean, live in Fargo, N.D., where he is co-owner of General Equipment and Supplies, Inc., a heavy equipment sales company.

**Ann Rathke** recently had her book published, *Lady, If You Go Into Politics*, a history of North Dakota's female legislators. She is now working on a biography of the state's first woman speaker of the house, Mini Craige, who held that position in 1933. Ann lives in Bismark.

**Jerome Siljendahl** lives in Duluth where he has his own insurance business, the Jerry Siljendahl Agency. He and his wife, May, have three sons: Eric, age 20 and a student at the University of Minnesota, Duluth; Jamin, age 16 and a sophomore at East High School; and Chris, age six and in first grade.

### CLASS OF '76

**Alea (Madson) Collins** and her husband, Richard, live in Seattle with their two native-Korean adopted sons, ages three and one. Alea works for the Seattle First National Bank.

**Jerry DeGier** writes that he "bought a video distribution network in the Portland/Vancouver area for special interest videos--history, children, art, literature, etc.--in the public broadcasting style of video." He is metro manager of his company, Achievement Video Network, and lives in Vancouver, Wash.

**Sue (Johnson) and Steven Frederickson** are living in Blue Earth, Minn., working for the city's school district. Sue teaches physical education and social studies, and coaches tennis and softball; Steven teaches social studies and has a community service class, also coaching football and junior high wrestling. They have two children, Sara, age 11, and Jay, age nine.

**Gayle Goff** and **Edward Nelson** reside in Hibbing, Minn. Gayle is an attorney for St. Louis County; Edward works for the Iron Range Research Center and is working on a master's degree.

**Neil Nelson** and his wife, Leslie, have two children, Kailey, age three, and Maggie, nine months. The family lives in Burnsville, Minn.; Neil works for the Scott County Attorney's office.

**Randall Pothén** is farming near Murdock, Minn. He and his wife, Beverly, a licensed practical nurse, have three children: Chad, age 14, Chris, age 11, and Ben, age six.

**Randall Riemer** lives in Henning, Minn., where he teaches social studies for the high school and coaches junior high football and junior high girls' and boys' basketball. He and his wife, Deb, have two children, Erin, age ten, and Eric, age five.

### CLASS OF '77

**Dawn Benson** earned a master's degree in elementary education from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities last June. She resides in Kerkhoven, Minn., and teaches for

# UMM Students and Alumni ...



"Women's Leadership: A Lifelong Agenda," brings together students and alumnae. Pictured from left, with conference organizers Cathy Crea ('94) and Timna Odegaard ('94), are Sandra Barrett ('76), Sandy Johnson ('78) and Julie Bergh ('80).

**Cheri Hautala ('94)**, a physics and math major, has been named one of eight national McNair Scholars. The program, named after the Challenger space shuttle crew member Ronald E. McNair and funded by the U.S. Department of Education, aims to encourage talented college juniors majoring in the physical sciences, particularly women and minority students, to pursue doctoral studies. Hautala, from Eveleth, Minn., will participate in a summer research internship at the University of Maine.

**John Witte ('93)**, Hancock, Minn., turned his internship at the USDA Agricultural Research Station in Morris into an opportunity to present his work at a regional conference, "Partnerships for Clean Water." The conference was sponsored by the Soil and Water Conservation Society and was held in Angola, Indiana, last November. Witte presented and demonstrated computer software he helped design, software used by the USDA for watershed analysis.

**Nine UMM students** attended the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in Salt Lake City in March through participation in the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP). Under UROP, students perform independent research with UMM faculty. The students and their projects included: Jennifer Bravo, Morris, "The Late Holocene Pollen Record of Broad Creek Pond, Copper Basin, Idaho"; Cara Critchfield, Willmar, "One Family's View of the Third Republic"; Matthew Diersen, Caledonia, "A Distribution-free Method to Determine Optimal Cut-off Point(s)"; Colleen Garbe, Burnsville, "Differential Fear Responses of Alpha and Subordinate Male Mice to Familiar and Unfamiliar Conspecific Odors"; Kristie Hirschenberger, Baxter, "The Barcan Formula and a Possible Interpretation of Necessity"; Trina Johnson, Superior, Wis., "Description and Analysis of the Striated and Faceted Boulder Pavement, Western Minnesota and Eastern South Dakota"; and Jolene Thibedeau, Willmar, "The Role of Drink Similarity in Predicting Intimacy of Behavior."

**Sarah Heymer ('94)**, Willmar, Minn., recently presented her research in computational geometry at the Regional Pi Mu Epsilon Undergraduate Research Conference at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn. Her presentation, "Planes, Trains and Automobiles," evolved from a Morris Academic Partnership with Dian Lopez, instructor in computer science, during which she helped edit and format a textbook on computational geometry. She was recently selected to participate in a National Science Foundation program at Utah State University, and will spend part of the summer doing research in parallel computing.

**The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship** and Excellence in Education Foundation has selected junior **Timna Odegaard** from Crystal, Minn., as its 1993 Barry M. Goldwater Scholar. The award is granted for study in math and the natural sciences in preparation for careers in these areas. Odegaard is an accomplished pianist, a chemistry major, president of the Chem/Bio Club and project coordinator of the Women's Leadership Development Network. She plans to attend graduate school, probably in molecular biology.

**Senior Stephanie Schlager**, DeGraff, Minn., is a recipient of the Joseph W. Yedlika Award presented by Pi Delta Phi, the National French Honor Society. The award criteria include earning a GPA of 3.5 in French and 3.4 overall, and being a student who has not studied abroad. Schlager, a French major, was president of UMM's Pi Delta Phi chapter. The award has been given only during the last three years in the United States; two of the three recipients have been UMM students. Schlager will attend Laval University in Quebec City, France, this summer.

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the Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg schools.

**Byron and Debra (Roering) ('76) Bercier** reside in White Bear Lake, Minn. Byron is a vocational counselor at Dakota County Technical College. They have two children, Allisha, age nine, and Ross, age seven.

**Rebecca Hegstad-Davies** married Peter Davies from Australia December 12, 1992. The couple lives in St. Paul, where she is the director of the endocrinology lab at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM). Peter was in Minnesota as a visiting scientist, but now works at CVM in swine epidemiology.

**Kent Meyers**, writer and professor at Black Hills State University in South Dakota, arranged with the UMM English faculty to present his work here in May (see photo, page 5). He and his wife, **Zindie (Ziemke)**, live in Spearfish, S.D., and have three children: Derrick, age nine, Lauren, age six, and Jordan, age two.

**Gregory and Cheryl (Ziemer) Sandberg** are living in Minneapolis. Gregory is a chemist in immunology for 3M. They have four children.

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**Julie Caspers Agar** and **Ben Agar** are living in Westby, Wis. Julie teaches movement and dance for the Waldorf School, and Ben works at Vernon Memorial Hospital. They have three children: Erin, age 12, Hanna, age eight, and Cole, age five.

**Randy Arndt** sent us this update: "I live in Montevideo, Minn. I have been with Orscheln Farm & Home for the past 14 years. I enjoy fishing, hunting and golf in my spare time. Thanks!"

**Kory Boster** and his wife, Cindy, live in Claremore, Okla. Kory is staff geologist for Helmarch and Payne, Inc., in Tulsa; his wife works for American Airlines in the chemical engineering department.

**Kenneth Bruss** resides in Lenexa, Kansas, and works for Merrill Dow Pharmaceutical. He earned his master's degree in 1991, and was promoted to production manager of the firm's manufacturing plant. He and his wife have three sons, ages three, six and nine.

**Kent Mikkelsen** teaches and coaches football and girls' basketball in Tyler, Minn., where he also resides. He and his wife, Deborah, a teacher in the Russell schools, have two children, Drew, age four, and Danielle, age 2 1/2.

**Mark and Leslee (Kleinke) ('79) Yseth** write, "We were married in 1985 and have two children, son Andrew (6) and daughter Jordan (3). We live in Andover, Minn. Mark has a dental practice in downtown Anoka, and I am lead teacher at Preschool Place 15 in the St. Francis school district. We enjoy reading the Class Notes and catching up on friends from UMM!"

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**Murray Anderson** and his wife, Kaye, live in

Hibbing, Minn., where he works for the Hibbing school district as head football coach and track coach.

**Connie (Hegna) Gunderson** writes, "I am in the process of moving from the Lake Nokomis area of South Minneapolis to Lakeville with my husband, Brad, and children, Claire (5) and Kevin (2). I have been a retirement counselor for Minnesota Teacher's Retirement for eight years."

**Roger Hahn** is employed with Seagull Outfitters, a company which offers canoe trips into the Boundary Waters between Canada and the United States. He and his wife, Debbie Mark, live in Grand Marais, Minn.

**Kimberly (Broderius) Miller** resides in Hector, Minn., with her husband, Jack; she works for the Buffalo Lake/Hector school district.

### CLASS OF '80

**Sharon Doherty** was one of four women recently honored by Minnesota Women in Higher Education. She was awarded a cash scholarship and will apply the grant to her dissertation research at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, in cultural anthropology. Sharon's research deals with creating stronger communities while increasing diversity.

**Nancy Elias** performs with the Twin Cities chapter of Sweet Adelines, and went to Russia last year with the group. She lives in Roseville, Minn., and works for Goodwill Industries.



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Kent Meyers ('77) reviews writing samples with Kelly Moravec ('96) and Holly Rogers ('93) while visiting UMM in May. Kent teaches at Black Hills State University and has just written a novel, *The Cows Sing Hallelujah*.



Marty Wolf ('85) presents a seminar, "Finding All Convex Subsets of Tournaments in Parallel," to computer science students in instructor Dian Lopez's class. Marty is an assistant professor of computer science at Mankato State University. His research involves algorithms for parallel computing.

The second annual Student Honors and Awards Program was held at UMM on May 21 to honor academic achievements and accomplishments. Awards and honors included: **William McDonald ('93)**, Mazeppa, Minn., received the Chancellor's Award, given annually to an outstanding student or students on the basis of academic excellence and contribution to campus life. **Brian Lopez ('93)**, Morris, was selected as recipient of the Allen W. Edson Award, in recognition of a student's total contribution to campus life. The Mary Martelle Memorial Award was given to **Molly McCormick ('93)**, Sun Prairie, Wis., and **Arthur Durkee**, Morris, UMM bus driver; the Martelle award perpetuates the memory of long-time Student Activities secretary Mary Martelle, and is given annually to a student and staff employee who have made outstanding contributions to the quality of campus life. **Scott Roberts ('93)**, Forest Lake, Minn., received the Abbott Award in Physics, given to a senior planning to attend graduate school who shows the greatest potential of achieving a professional career in physics. The award was founded by former biology professors Robinson and Rosemarie Abbott upon their retirement in 1991. The Natalie Benoit Memorial Award, given to a junior or senior who demonstrates promise as a serious art student, was awarded to **Kirk Sklar ('93)**, Vadnais Heights, Minn. The Chris Berg Memorial Award went to **Paulette Gibbs ('93)** of Minneapolis, and the Roy Grohs Award to **Paul Theisen ('94)** from Grey Eagle, Minn. Senior **Jennifer Kaatz**, Audubon, Minn., was the recipient of the Jay Y. Roshal Award, and classmate **Heather Myrom ('93)**, Chaska, Minn., received the William R. Scarborough Memorial Award, presented to an outstanding senior enrolled in education.

sons, Jacob, four, and Andrew, three." The Mitzels reside in San Antonio.

**Robert Sharp** is a case worker for New Englewood Families with a Future, based in Chicago, Ill. He and his wife, Diana, are expecting a child in June.

**Ted Smith** and his wife, Pamela, live in Bloomington, Minn. Ted is the executive director of the American Commercial Collectors Association, and manager of health care services for the American Collectors Association, Inc.

**Kelly Swanson** has opened her own business, Popcorn Communications, specializing in public relations, writing, page design and illustration for schools, associations and small businesses. Kelly and her husband, **Russell ('83)**, are the UMM Class Agents for the Classes of 1982, 1983 and 1984; they live in New Brighton, Minn.

**Anne and Russell Thomson** reside in Waterford, Mich., with their three-year-old son, Alex. Anne teaches fifth grade in the Rochester school district, and Russell is a systems engineer supervisor for Electronic Data Systems.

**Holly Witt** is the new executive director for the Morris Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. She had been director of Pathfinders, a program for displaced homemakers. Holly and her husband, **Jerry ('78)**, and their children, Zach, Forrest and Taylor, reside in Morris.

### CLASS OF '84

**Terrie Campbell-Mahmoodi** sent us this update: "I gave birth to a baby boy, Arian Sean, on April 1, 1993. Arian joins a sister, Taranae Alyssa, 2 1/2 years old." She adds that she and her family live in upstate New York, where she is a full-time mom, and her husband is a University professor and management consultant.

**Paula Christensen** and her husband, Toby, reside in Moorhead, Minn., with their three children, Nicole Saum, age 11, Caleb Saum, age seven, and Adam Christensen, age two. Paula is a full-time homemaker.

**Julie (James) and Jeff Cummins ('86)** write, "We live in Truman, Minn., where Jeff is chief of police. I work for Faribault County Social Services in Blue Earth, Minn. We have two children, Ryne and Kelsea, ages four and one. My 15-year-old niece, Jessica, also lives with us. We finally bought a house in December, so hopefully we'll stay put for a while!"

**Jon and Beth (Ziemke) ('85) Davidann** are living in Minneapolis where Jon is a doctoral candidate at the University of Minnesota's main campus, and Beth is also working at "the main U."

**Bryan and Kristi (Nichols) ('88) Delage** sent us an update. "Bryan is busy with his medical practice in family medicine in Ortonville, Minn. I am working part-time, doing computer graphic design for a printing business in Ortonville, and busy with Kayla (age four) and Ryan, (age one)."

**David Harms** and his wife, Diana, currently live in Minneapolis, but they are building a home in Burnsville, Minn., and looking forward to moving in when all is ready.

**Patrick and Lynette (Kramer) ('85) Kirkwold** live in St. Paul. Patrick is a computer graphic artist and producer, and teaches at the Minnesota College of Art and Design. Lynette works in real estate.

**Thomas Lydon** is a data administrator for West Publishing Company in St. Paul; he

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**Pamela Knapper** sent us the following update: "I am currently completing my thirteenth year of teaching in the Clara City and now-MACCRAV school system. I have taught Chapter I, first grade and am presently teaching second grade. Nine piano students and a church choir of 35 first through third graders also occupy my time." She lives in Clara City, Minn.

**Diane Richards Olson** works for the Brandon public schools, and lives in Brandon, Minn. She and her husband have a two-year-old daughter.

### CLASS OF '81

**Roger Arndt** is still working on behalf of the endangered mountain gorilla in Rwanda, East Africa, with the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund, but his work has taken on new urgency owing to the February outbreak of Civil War in the region. He and his wife, Laura Sanders Arndt, have mounted an international petition drive in support of the ongoing peace negotiations in an attempt to protect not only the people, but also the sole remaining 310 gorillas there and their habitat. The Arndts invite inquiries at their home: 21765 Saddlebrook Drive, Parker, CO 80134.

**Mark Kelting** lives in Gillette, Wyo., where he is head football coach and assistant track coach at the high school. He teaches social studies at Sage Valley junior high, where he also serves as eighth grade basketball coach.

**Veronica Lawrence** is currently attending Rush University in Chicago where she is

working on a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She expects to have completed the program next year. Veronica lives in Downers Grove, Ill.

**Vicki Olson** was recently promoted to the position of employee development specialist for The Prudential insurance company's North Central Group Operations in Minneapolis. Vicki joined Prudential in 1987; she lives in Plymouth, Minn.

**Shannyn and Mick Stoffel** sent us an update. They are living in Blaine, Minn. Mick is a computer support specialist at 3M in St. Paul, and Shannyn teaches kindergarten in Lino Lakes. They have two daughters, Kristine, age eight, and Bethany, age four.

**James Swanson** is teaching at Dunn County Alternative High School and lives in Menomonie, Wis.

**Dennis Thorfinnson and Kristen Kankel Thorfinnson ('82)** are living in Gillette, Wyo. Dennis is employed by Pacific Utah Power, and Kristen works for the Wyoming Regional Counseling Center. They have a son, Tanner, age three, and are expecting another child later this year.

### CLASS OF '82

**Kathryn (Walker) Jacobs** is completing a master's degree in elementary education through the University of Minnesota's graduate program offered here at UMM. She and her husband, Robert, reside in Villard, Minn.; she teaches in the Albany school district.

**Mara McGinnis** and her husband, David Gambach, reside in Springfield, Ill. Mara is the community relations coordinator for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, coordinating interagency programs and the sharing of information between communities and hazardous waste management facilities.

**Judith Mikolai** and her husband, Jon Ridge, proudly announced the birth of their daughter, Olivia, born last October. The family resides in New Brighton, Minn. Judith works for the Captive Breeding Specialist Group in Apple Valley.

**David Mulcrone** works for Perkin Elmer. He and his wife, Diane, have two children, Carter and Kaitlyn, and are expecting a third child.

### CLASS OF '83

**Nancy (Peterson) Krenz** writes that she has been teaching fifth grade in the Anoka-Hennepin school district for the past eight years. She earned a master's degree in gifted education from the University of St. Thomas in 1989. Her husband, Dave, is an electrical designer for Deluxe Check Printers in Shoreview, Minn. They live in Blaine, Minn., and have two children, David, Jr., age five, and Laura, age three.

**Diane (Nyhus) and Chuck Mitzel** dropped us a note. "Chuck has attained fellowship in the Casualty Actuarial Society. He is employed by Wausau Insurance Companies as division actuary in the San Antonio, Texas, regional office. I am a full-time mom to two



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oversees WESTLAW, a database of legal publications. He and his wife, Patricia, live in Maplewood, Minn.

**Stephanie Mosher** writes, "I married Steve Williams in October 1991. Steve and I are currently working for Ohio Environmental Protection Agency as hydrogeologists in Logan, Ohio. In May, Steve and I are moving into our new log house that we built on 18 acres near Logan."

### CLASS OF '85

**Eric Berglin** was recently promoted in his job with the federal government. He and his wife, Lisa, live in Marshall, Va.

**Mark and Lori (Henderson) Froehling** are living in Caledonia, Minn., where Mark works for the Caledonia public school system, and Lori works at LaCrosse Lutheran Hospital. They have one child and are expecting a second this June.

**Cynthia (DeRudder) Geskey** resides in Severn, Md., where she works in ophthalmology. She and her husband have one child and are expecting another in June.

**Christine Jordahl** has started her own company, Kinematic Consultants, doing computerized motion analysis. She resides in Point Pleasant, N.J.

**Jennifer Keating** works for Huebcore Corporation as a marketing coordinator. She lives in St. Paul.

**Judy Korthuis** is the special education program assistant for the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf; she lives in Faribault, Minn.

**Michael Kraetsch** and his wife and three children live in Pagosa Springs, Colo., where he is a ranch foreman.

**James and Beth ('88) Mahoney** both work for Stevens County, Beth in social services. They and their two children, Patrick, age eight, and Megan, age five, live in Morris.

### CLASS OF '86

**Monica (Schmitz) Frazer** works for Gramco, Inc. and lives in Minneapolis. She and her husband proudly announced the birth of their son, Issac, born in February of this year. Monica also is working on a master's degree from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities in family psychology.

**Daniel Pruitt** works as a chemist for the Louis O. Werneke Company. He lives in West St. Paul.

**Karen Wiese-Thompson** wrote, "I married Doug Thompson in the summer of 1990 (we met working at Dudley Riggs ETC); we're expecting our first child sometime in the fall of 1993." Karen is an actress/booking manager for The Refreshment Company; she and Doug live in St. Paul.

### CLASS OF '87

**Evelyn Hoover and Jeff "Billy" Sauve** wrote us as follows: "[We] have been married five years and now reside in Burnsville [Minn.]. Jeff will receive his master's degree in creative writing from Hamline University May 22. The title of his proseminar essay is 'Poetry of Place: Elizabeth Bishop's Childhood Poems.' He hopes to procure a teaching position at a small college or university. I am currently working as the news editor of Apple Valley and Rosemount *This Week* newspapers, two papers in a chain of eight in the southern suburbs. I recently returned to UMM (April 26) to talk to English majors about my career and the marketability of the major."

# Faculty and Staff Corner

**Kathy Benson**, associate professor of psychology, organized a panel session presented in June at the American Association of University Women Symposium, "Gender Issues in the Classroom and on the Campus: Focus on the 21st Century." The symposium was held in Minneapolis.

**George Fosgate**, professor of theater arts, will participate in the Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center's Russian Theatre Tour for College Faculty June 14-28. Sponsored by the American/Soviet Theatre Initiative, the tour will begin in Moscow and end in St. Petersburg. It will include studio classes with master teachers, sessions with theatre directors, playwrights, critics and play casts, performances and other events.

**Solomon Gashaw**, assistant professor of sociology, has been named as mentor for the 1994 Minnesota Studies in International Development program. He will accompany and provide guidance to student interns who will be working in Kenya.

**Jinghua Kuang**, assistant professor of mathematics, has attained the status of associateship of the Society of Actuaries (SOA). In recognition of this status, SOA has awarded a \$2,500 grant to the Division of Science and Math which can be used to meet a variety of needs including purchasing actuarial books and journals; financing faculty and student attendance at research conferences; or funding seminars presented by local insurance companies for actuarial students. Kuang earned the designation by completing a series of rigorous SOA examinations.

**Dian Lopez**, instructor of computer science, received a fellowship from the University of Maryland Institute for Advanced Computer Studies to participate in the third annual Workshop on Parallel Algo-

ritms held in San Diego in May. She also received a Faculty Enrichment Program Bush Grant to establish a mentoring program for women in computer science; the new program creates partnerships between upperclass majors and younger women in the discipline. Finally, Lopez along with **Stacey Parker Aronson**, instructor in Spanish, and **Ferolyn Angell**, coordinator of the Academic Assistance Center, received a grant from the University of Minnesota Commission on Women Special Grants Program to help fund the work of faculty/student pairs developing resources to include the accomplishments of women in course planning.

**Gordon McIntosh**, assistant professor of physics, and **Jeffrey Ratliff-Crain**, assistant professor of psychology, are recipients of research fellowships for the summer of 1993. The faculty Summer Research Fellowship Program encourages research and artistic creation by enabling faculty who hold nine-month appointments to devote a full summer session to intensive work on a specific, well-focused project. McIntosh's project will be a polarization map of the crab nebula at 100 GHz. Ratliff-Crain will conduct an assessment of alcohol's role in sexual aggression using computer simulation.

**Nancy Mooney ('76)**, executive assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, has been named to serve as the Morris campus coordinator of the Commission on Women, effective July 1. Mooney has been active with the commission in many areas, including having served on its advisory board since 1990 and served as the UMM representative to the All-University grant selection committee and to the planning committee. She succeeds **Janet Ahern**, assistant professor of music.

**Jenny Nellis**, associate professor of art, and her protegee, Therese Buchmiller Knierim, received one of eight \$1,200 scholarships offered under the 1993-94 Women's Art Registry of Minnesota Mentor Program. The two-year project will conclude in October 1994 with an exhibition of the artworks created during the partnership term.

The International Programs Committee (IPC) has awarded grants to nine faculty members to assist with internationalizing their curricula. The faculty and projects are: **Pieranna Garavaso**, associate professor of philosophy, "Philosophy in International Context"; **Istiyaque Haji**, assistant professor of philosophy, "Islamic Ethics"; **John Imholte**, professor of history, "History and the Novel: Revolutionary and Napoleonic Naval Wars"; **Michael Risku**, assistant professor of education, "International Mentorship Program"; **Christopher Simmons**, instructor of speech, "Public Speaking in a Global Society"; **Engin Sungur**, assistant professor of mathematics, "Enhancement of Statistics Courses Through Inclusion of International Data"; **Jooinn Lee**, professor of political science, **Solomon Gashaw**, assistant professor of sociology, and **Kyhuang Yuhn**, associate professor of economics, in a joint project, "The Politics of Development," "The Sociology of Development," and "The Economics of Development." The IPC grants are designed to help faculty members develop new courses with an international content or add to existing courses an international component or perspective. The main criteria by which the applications were evaluated were the creativity and uniqueness of the project, how soon it could be implemented, how enduring the effect would be and how many students would benefit from the program.

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**Julene Trisko-Schneider** lives in Northome, Minn., teaching English at Northome high school where she was recently awarded tenure. Her husband, Jim Schneider, is a tenured science teacher, also at Northome.

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**Ken Heitzman** and his wife, Jeanne, dropped us a line: "[We] are living in Willmar where we're both employed as teachers and coaches. We are expecting our first child in September."

**Carol Powers** is nearing completion of her graduate work at Bowling Green State University; she expects to finish sometime next year. This fall she will begin teaching as a lecturer at nearby Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio.

**Douglas and Lisa (Condon) Wedman** proudly announced the birth of their daughter, Kaitlyn Marie, on November 28, 1992. They add, "Doug is graduating from the University of Colorado with a Ph.D. in chemistry in June of 1993." The family lives in Denver.

### CLASS OF '89

**Julie Toft** writes, "In February 1992 I was promoted to Lieutenant junior grade. In June 1993 I will be transferring to the Naval Support Force Antarctica (NSFA). We deploy to McMurdo Station on Antarctica in September and stay until February. The rest of the year we are stationed at Port Hueneme, Calif., (on the coast between Los Angeles

and Santa Barbara). It looks like I'll be the hazardous waste manager for at least the first year; after that, I'm not sure. My three years at the Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake, Calif., have been interesting, but I'm looking forward to getting out of the desert."

### CLASS OF '90

**Tonya Freeman** is the secretary of the Black Law Students Association for the 1992-1993 school year at William Mitchell College of Law. She is a second-year student at the law school, and works as a bailiff/law clerk at the Ramsey County Courthouse. Tonya expects to finish her degree next year, and wants to become a law professor.

**Michele O'Leary** works as a classroom training specialist at the Hutchinson-Willmar Technical College in Annandale, Minn. She lives in Plymouth.

**Robert Torgerson** sent the following update: "I was married on June 30, 1990. My wife, Courtney, and I live in North St. Paul. I worked for Total Petroleum for two years, and I now work at American National Can. My wife has been working at Prudential for the last seven years."

**Jeffrey Zick** and his wife, senior Kelly (Friestad), live in Morris; Jeffrey is the business manager at the Swine Health Center.

### CLASS OF '91

**Anne Bruss** announces her engagement to

Dan Nelson. She writes, "In June, [I] will graduate from the University of Minnesota School of Nursing. An August wedding is planned." Anne lives in Minneapolis.

**Denise (Sundholm) and Jay Hanson ('90)** proudly announced the birth of their son, Justin Duane, born February 1, 1993. Jay works as a physical science technician at the USDA Soils Lab in Morris. The family resides in Hancock, Minn., with their dogs, Bo and Turbo.

**Stephanie Haugen** passed away May 11, 1993. She is survived by her parents, fiancé, siblings, and other extended family members. Stephanie had been a computer programmer at the Minnesota Mutual Insurance company.

**Jeff Johnson and Rachael Shaw ('92)** write, "[We] are happy to announce our engagement. We are planning an October 1994 wedding." Rachael is completing her first year in the physical therapy program at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities; Jeff is also on the main campus, completing his bachelor's degree in computer science. Both will finish up next year.

**Anne Polusny** sent us this update: "I will be graduating from the University of Minnesota with a master's degree in educational psychology this spring. I am also happy to announce that I have a REAL job with Ramsey County as a district court counselor supervising the release of felony and misdemeanor offenders!" Anne lives in Minneapolis.



Cougar Sports Wrap



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Softball Gains District Bid

The softball team was rewarded for a successful season with a berth in the 1993 District 13 Softball Tournament. The tourney was held at Southwest State University, and the Cougars brought their 11-16 record into action against Southwest State, the number one seed. The team battled, but they were held to two hits in game one in an 8-0 five-inning loss to SSU. The second game's 9-2 loss ended the Cougar's season. The team posted a very respectable 11-18 record for the year including a 4-6 record in the NSIC. Heather Pennie ('94), Villard, was cited for her excellent play by the NSIC. Pennie hit .333 and had two pitching wins; she continued that hot hitting at the district tourney going 4-6 in the two games.

Baseball Has Strong Finish

The baseball team completed its season on a positive note, finishing second in the District 13 tournament. The three-day tourney saw the Cougars battle back from an opening game loss to their Winona Warrior hosts to defeat Concordia College, Minneapolis, 8-0. In game three, the Cougars beat Winona 6-1. The Cougars ran out of momentum on the tourney's final day, dropping a 9-5 decision to the District champions from Southwest State University. The loss ended the Cougars' season. The team finished with a 12-28 overall record and a 3-15 record in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

Men's Golf

The UMM men's golf team completed the spring season by finishing third in the four team NAIA District 13 Tournament. Jason Schmit ('95), Austin, shot rounds of 80 and 76 on the Pebble Creek Country Club course in Becker to finish in a tie for fourth

place. Schmit was named to the All-NAIA District 13 Team.

The highlight of the fall season was hosting the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Tournament at the Benson Golf Club. The Cougars finished in fourth place, led by Schmit's eighth place finish. Schmit led the scoring for the fall and spring seasons with an 80 stroke average for 12 rounds. During the spring season, he averaged 78.2 strokes. Other key players for the Cougars were Shane Eastman ('96) Garrison; Tom Notch ('95) Paynesville; Bill Burns ('94) Wadena; Jamie McCormick ('95) Sun Prairie, Wis.; and Darren Reisig ('95) West St. Paul.

Women's Golf

The UMM women's golf team was led by Missy Pickar ('96), Wadena, who averaged 94.8 strokes per round. Other players this year were seniors Tracy Hansen Lutz, Prior Lake, Teri Lang, Madison, and Kristine Nelson, Stewartville; juniors Kelly Weedman, Springfield, Alyssa Ostmoe, Elk River, and Emily Bowron, Luverne; sophomore Susie Torgerson, Bismark, N.D.; freshmen Kathy Severson, Windom, Noel Olson, Magnolia, and Darcy Duncan, Olivia. The women completed their season with a seventh place finish in the 11 team Minnesota Women's Collegiate Golf Association Tournament held in St. Cloud. With a good nucleus of players returning for the fall season, the future looks bright for the women's golf team.

Women's Tennis

The women's tennis team finished their season in fourth place in the NSIC and in District

Sports info contributed by Dean Larsen ('93).

13. The squad compiled a respectable 5-4 record in dual matches this season. Jen Carpenter ('93), Staples, led the Cougars with 17 wins and was the team's number one singles player. Carpenter was voted the Cougars' MVP for the season in which she was a District Quarterfinalist, number one singles and doubles consolation champ, and finished her career with 96 wins. Kerri Jamison ('96), Blaine, was named Rookie of the Year after posting 15 wins at number two singles and earning consolation championships in District 13.

Men's Tennis

The Cougar men's tennis team finished their season's final dual match record at 8-4. Leading the way for the Cougars this year was Tom Mroska ('95), Minneapolis, at number one singles. Mroska compiled a 13-4 record for the Cougars. "Tom played some big matches this year," commented Student Coach Jason Thiner, "including a three-set win over the 13th-ranked player in the Midwest in Division II at the time." John Huttemier ('95), Bemidji, was close behind at number two singles with a record of 11-6. The future looks very bright for the Cougars according to Thiner. Seven players who saw extensive action this year will return to UMM next year, working hard to make another run at nationals.

Men and Women's Track

The UMM track teams will try to build on their successful 1993 campaign. The Cougars fought hard and improved throughout the indoor and outdoor seasons. "I can't begin to describe how proud and inspired I am by each and every effort put forth by our athletes," commented Head Coach Brian Petermeier. Both the men's and the women's teams will be competitive in next year's indoor and outdoor seasons.

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in St. Paul as an actuary, and Todd is in Rochester at the Mayo Clinic doing research.

Mary Calabrese writes, "I work as a claims examiner at the Board of Pensions in Minneapolis. Joel Fischer and I will be married in September, and will reside in Yankton, S.D." Joel is working for Mount Marty College in Yankton as an admissions representative.

Melanie (Dahlin) Compton sent us an update: "I have accepted a position with Friendship, Inc., an agency that provides services for people with developmental disabilities. I work in Grand Forks, N.D." Melanie's husband, Curtis, is a student at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks.

Julie Fellbaum wrote, "I am working as an accountant at United Health Care, Corp., in Minnetonka [Minn.]. I'm taking the CPA exam in May. In July I am marrying Kurt Hubbs; we will be living in Golden Valley."

Jeannie Forchas says, "I graduated from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities and have recently been employed by Deluxe Corporation as a sales consultant. I'm also getting married on September 12, 1993 to Michael Possis of Edina, Minn. We will live in the Twin Cities area."

Kirstin Graslie lives in Dawson, Minn., and works in the laboratories of the AGP soybean plant located there.

Lisa Gulbranson is a junior scientist in the Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. She lives in St. Paul.

Joe and Becky (Steffl) Hill sent us an update: "Joe is teaching phy-ed at the junior high in Willmar [Minn.]. He coaches football and weight training. I take care of 10-month-old Erin, and I'm a substitute teacher; I also coach gymnastics and softball." The Hills reside in Willmar.

Eva (Dockter) and Kevin Kathmann live in Rochester, Minn. Eva writes, "I am working towards my Ph.D. in pharmacology at Mayo Graduate School in Rochester."

Mary Leisenheimer announces her engagement to UMM senior Timothy Pahl. They are planning their wedding for July 31 of this year.

Marcus Miller phoned in the following update: "I will finish up an internship with State Representative Chuck Brown's office this May, and I'll begin William Mitchell College of Law in August, possibly specializing in patent law." Marcus lives in Vermillion, Minn.

John "Ki Han" Na writes, "Since June of 1992, I am having a blast working at West Publishing Company as a programmer/analyst. In May I am planing to move into my first house in the Highland area of St. Paul."

Carey Paquette and John Chasteen ('90) dropped us a line: "We are proud to announce our engagement and upcoming wedding on June 26, 1993. Carey is a lab assistant with R&D Systems, a research and diagnostic company in Minneapolis. I am currently teaching sixth grade and coaching seventh grade girls' softball, in the Anoka-Hennepin school district."

Jackie (Stoltz) Roessler writes, "I graduated from California State University in Bakersfield, Calif., in 1992 with a B.A. in psychology. I will be attending the University of Wisconsin, Madison's Ph.D. program in psychology in the fall."

Danielle Tjomsland writes, "I am currently an editor/reporter at the Farmington Independent newspaper in Farmington, Minn. I am living in Hastings, Minn."

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Darin St. Germain writes, "I have recently been placed in charge of all international prospect development and sales for General Filter Company. GFC is a major water treatment equipment manufacturer based in

Ames, Iowa." Darin resides in Ames.

Matthew Schoenfelder writes, "After 1 1/2 years of teaching English and traveling through Japan, I'm heading home...the long

way. I'll spend June traveling through Hong Kong, China and Russia, and then 3-4 weeks in Southern Europe before arriving home. The world's longest train ride! Congrats to the men's basketball team--Incredible!!"

David Tarnowski is in the graduate program in chemistry at the University of Michigan; he lives in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Kevin Timmins wrote: "I accepted a position with State Farm Insurance in Plymouth [Minn.]. I'll be working for an agent there. I plan to move to the Plymouth area in September. It's a lot of fun and very rewarding."

Diane (Tobie) Wonchoba dropped us a note: "I married the most wonderful man on September 5, 1992. Steve is from Wilmington, Del., and moved to Minnesota to work toward his Ph.D. in theoretical chemistry at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. I am climbing the corporate ladder at Norwest Mortgage in Maple Grove. We live in New Brighton. Incidentally, one of my co-workers is also a UMM alum, Gary Boylan ('72). Small world!"

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Catherine "Catz" Baker lives in Grand Forks, N.D., where she is a first year law student at the University of North Dakota School of Law.

Stephanie (Rust) and Todd Breuer were married May 29, 1993, and now live in Cannon Falls, Minn., as they put it, "half way between our jobs!" Stephanie works for MSI

Class Notes Clip & Send

Let us hear from you! Next Class Notes deadline is August 1.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ (include maiden name if appropriate)

Class(es) of \_\_\_\_\_ Did you graduate? ☐ yes ☐ no

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# Alumni Events Calendar

- June 10** **Minority Student Program Alumni Reception**  
5:30 p.m., Dale Shephard Room, Coffman Union  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- June 11** **UMM Commencement Exercises**  
UMM Mall, rainsite P.E. Center  
Guest Speaker Susan Allen Toth, Minnesota author  
Honors Recital, 1:00 p.m., Recital Hall, HFA
- July 15** **Retirement Party for Harold Fahl, Superintendent of Plant Services**  
Reception, Dinner, Dance, Oyate Hall, Student Center  
RSVP by July 1  
For more information contact Nancy Erdahl,  
612/589-6100
- October 15-17** **Homecoming Weekend**  
Alumni Career Fair, Friday, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Oyate Hall  
Phi Mu Delta Reunion  
Cougar Hall of Fame, Saturday, 8:00 p.m., Oyate Hall  
A complete Homecoming Schedule will appear in your fall issue of *UMM To You*.
- October 26** **Eighth Annual Driggs Distinguished Lecture**  
Christopher Browning, professor of history  
Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington  
"Ordinary Men," based on his book of the same title.  
*The story of how 500 ordinary German men came to murder "...in cold blood some 38,000 defenseless, mostly Jewish men, women and children in Poland."*

## First Koslowski Trophy Presented



Wrestling coach Doug Reese flanks Olympic Greco-Roman wrestler Duane Koslowski ('82) as he presents the first annual Koslowski Wrestling award and trophy to senior Mark McNamer, Minneapolis. The trophy was presented during the wrestling awards picnic in May at Pomme de Terre Park.

## Cougar Plates = Cougar Pride!

Don't forget! If you live in Minnesota and own a car, you can help to fund a scholarship by purchasing a UMM Cougar license plate for \$25. Under a new program launched by the state, students can receive full tuition scholarships from funds generated through college license plate purchases.

To apply for UMM license plates, contact your deputy registrar. A first-time plate fee of \$9.75 will be charged along with a \$3.50 filing fee, plus normal registration tax. Plates are then good for seven years, with an annual \$25 extra fee. Plates can be transferred to another vehicle.

For further information about the collegiate license plate program, contact your deputy registrar, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, or the Alumni Relations Office at UMM.

You can show your Cougar pride and contribute to scholarships at the same time!

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## NEWS?

We'd like to hear from you!

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